

# Percy Park Keeper's Autumn

## What's it all about?

Through enjoying the Percy Park Keeper books together we will be learning lots about our outdoor environment, animals and the changing seasons. Much of our learning will be Science based as we make first hand observations about the world around us. We will learn what happens to plants and the weather during the Autumn. We will also learn that some animals migrate for the approaching winter and that some prepare to hibernate. This is a chance to find out about some of the animals which live in our local woodlands and which of these hibernate.

Percy is very helpful and has many friends who help him so this is also a good opportunity to talk about the people who help us. Our phonics skills will be used as we make labels for Percy's tool shed and for his animal friends. We have plenty of lovely objects to help with our counting, such as conkers and may help our squirrels keep track of their nuts as we learn about addition. We can also use the vocabulary of size as we compare the size of leaves and conkers and can get busy and practical in our outdoor area, just like Percy does!

### Question time

- How would you describe Autumn?
- What happens to leaves in the Autumn?
- Which animals hibernate?
- Percy has friends who help him. Who helps you?



### Stories and songs

- Percy Park Keeper
- After the Storm
- Percy Park Keeper stories
- 5 little pumpkins sitting on a gate
- Where is Bear?
- 5 Little Leaves

### Explore it more... at school

- Investigate rolling using conkers and pipes
- Fixing and mending using our tools
- Explore bikes and bike wheels
- Find and compare leaves of different colours

### ... and at home

- Make a Percy packed lunch and share his books
- Make leaf rubbings or prints

### The something new we will learn

- Some trees lose their leaves in the Autumn—these are called deciduous trees.
- Squirrels bury a store of nuts for the winter and forget where they are—this helps new trees grow!
- Some animals migrate for the winter (move away) and some hibernate (go to sleep).
- There are four seasons, in this order—Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

### Wow words

- Seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, deciduous, evergreen
- Migration, hibernation, fox, squirrel, badger, bear, rabbit, hedgehog
- Maths vocab: counting, addition, counting on, more, total, equals is the same as

Home learning Project—Go on an Autumn walk to gather Autumn objects